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1. BELGIUM: Spaak reportedly not required in Belgium—US
Embassy Belgium expresses the view that Foreign Secretary
Bevin's stress on the necessity for Spaak to stay in Belgium
because of "royal question" and possibility that present
Belgian Cabinet may be short-lived does not withstand
analysis because: (a) Spaak himself is apparently resigned
to the return of the King; and (b) Socialist militants admit
that they cannot threaten serious civil strife if Parliament,
as anticipated by US Embassy, approves a bill for solving
the Leopold question through a popular referendum.

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